

## **Resolution No. 4**

### **Indonesia**

#### **Violence Against Workers during Peaceful National Strike**

The 9<sup>th</sup> ITUC-AP General Council Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, 25 - 26 November 2013:

- EXPRESSES** full support to the peaceful national strike led by the KSPI on 31 October and 1 November 2013, in which 1.5 million workers participated to demand increase in minimum wage, implementation of health insurance by January 2014, against outsourcing particularly in the state owned enterprises, passing the domestic workers bill and rejection of the mass organisation law;
- NOTES WITH CONCERN** that twenty-eight (28) workers were injured by the thugs, armed with knives, iron rods and machetes, with seventeen (17) severely injured and admitted to hospitals, one (1) still in critical condition;
- STRONGLY CONDEMNNS** the organised attack against workers by paramilitary organisations during a peaceful strike;
- HIGHLIGHTS** that the government of Indonesia has ratified ILO Conventions No. 87 and No. 98 concerning freedom of association and right to collective agreement;
- EMPHASISES** that the government is responsible to ensure that workers and trade unions can operate free from fear, fully protecting them from such violence when conducting legitimate union activities;
- REGRETS** the police officers in Bekasi District who were deployed around the site during the national strike did not take any protective actions, allowing the acts of violence to continue;
- URGES** the government:
1. to conduct an independent investigation and bring those responsible to justice;
  2. to provide security and protection to all workers across Indonesia for peaceful demonstrations and protests; and
  3. to take action against officials for their anti-labour attitude.
- EXTENDS** deepest sympathies and solidarity support to the workers who were attacked, injured and hospitalised; sharing concerns with their families; and

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1. to take up with the government to facilitate redressal of the grievances;
2. to report to the ILO for further investigation and appropriate action;  
and
3. to pursue with the ADB through the reporting mechanism on violation of core labour standards.